

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for packaging rolls of web material such as rolls of paper, the method comprising the steps of:
 - providing a wrapper dispensing system for dispensing wrapping onto a roll of web material, said wrapper dispensing system comprising a wrapper dispensing station and a wrapper dispensing means,
 - supporting a roll of web material on a roll rotation station,
 - rotating said roll rotation station with said roll of web material supported thereon, said wrapper dispensing system remaining stationary relative to said rotating supported roll,
 - dispensing wrapping onto the rotating supported roll from said wrapper dispensing station via said dispensing means so that the a first wrapping is wound so as to form on said rotating supported roll either a centered wrapping or a stagewise overlapping wrapping, and
 - moving the roll rotation station laterally in the axial direction of the rotating supported roll relative to the wrapper dispensing system ~~during after the dispensing step~~ said first wrapping, and
 - dispensing wrapping onto the rotating supported roll from said wrapper dispensing station via said dispensing means after the moving step so that a second wrapping is wound so as to form on said rotating supported roll, said second wrapping being formed to overlap said first wrapping in a stagewise manner.
2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the wrapping each of said first and second wrappings is wound in a slightly helical manner onto the roll.
3. (previously presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein layers of wound wrapping have sharp edges that are aligned partially or entirely overlapping so that a staggered stepped bond can be formed therebetween.
4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 2 ~~or~~ 3, wherein the slightly helical manner by which the wrapping is wound is performed by the movement of the roll rotation

station laterally relative to the wrapper dispensing system during the wrapping dispensing operation.

5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the wrapping is aligned in a slightly helical position in regard to the roll rotation station.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of, after the dispensing step said second wrapping, wherein the wrapping being dispensed is a stagewise overlapping paper wrapping, wrapping a plastic wrap in a helical manner onto the rotating supported roll, said plastic wrap being dispensed from a plastic wrap dispenser incorporated into the wrapper dispensing system.

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20. (previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the roll of web material is formed from paper and the wrapper is formed from paper.

21. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the wrapping each of said first and second wrappings~~ is wound in a stagewise overlapping wrapping in a slightly helical manner onto the roll, and said second wrapping is wound as a stagewise overlapping wrapping of said first wrapping.

22. (new) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said moving and dispensing steps are repeated so that at least a third overlapping wrapping is wound so as to form on said rotating supported roll.

23. (new) A method according to claim 22, further comprising the step of, after dispensing said at least third wrapping, wherein the wrapping being dispensed is a stagewise overlapping paper wrapping, wrapping a plastic wrap in a helical manner onto the rotating supported roll, said plastic wrap being dispensed from a plastic wrap dispenser incorporated into the wrapper dispensing system.

23. (new) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein overlapping wrapper edges of each of said first and second wrappings are disposed in a regularly staggered fashion such that only a single overlapping wrapper edge of said second wrapping superposed over said first wrapping is visible when said second wrapping has been completed.